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Turner Tells UK Crowd

CIA Seeking Balance Of Security, Principles

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The director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Stansfield Turner, said here Wednesday that the U.S. is developing a new "American model of intelligence" that will "strike a balance" between security needs and democratic principles.

Turner, in a speech at the University of Kentucky Student Center, indirectly acknowledged that there have been abuses of the intelligence network, and noted that stricter controls

on CIA activities abroad are now in force.

"Out of the crucible of the last three years of public criticism we have forged a new process of oversight," Turner said in an address repeatedly interrupted by demonstrators who carried banners and shouted slogans de-

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nouncing the Shah of Iran — alleged to be a "CIA puppet."

The demonstration, sponsored by the Iranian Students Association, delayed Turner's speech for about 40 minutes, and forced the silver-haired director to pause several times while helmeted UK police ejected demonstrators from the Grand Ballroom of the center.

UK Police Chief Paul Harrison said II adults and one juvenile were arrested and charged with one count each of disrupting a public assembly.

Turner, 53, did not respond directly to the demonstrators' jibes and chants of "Down with the Shah!". He did, however, reject their contention that the CIA is involved in Iranian internal affairs by saying that the agency's role is only to "report on what's happening, and what's going to happen" in other countries.

"We do retain a capacity for political action, but we exercise it very little today, and only if directed to do so," he said. Any such political action requires the President's signature and reports to eight congressional committees, said Turner. He added: "Those are very tight restraints, I can assure you."

In describing a "dramatic transformation" of the U.S. intelligence system, Turner observed that:

- The focus of intelligence activities has shifted from military affairs, principally concerning the Soviet Union, to analyses of economic matters, the world energy situation, and to information about terrorists and drug traffic.
- New technology has altered the methods by which intelligence is collected, and has produced "prodigious quantities of information" requiring careful analysis.
- ✓ The old tradition of "maximum secrecy and minimum disclosure" has given way to an acceptance of "the public's right to know ... as much as we can reasonably let them know."
- The creation of an intelligence oversight board, and the increased watchfulness of Senate and House intelligence committees, means that public officials are "constantly scrutinizing us, quizzing us, and demanding

This "surrogate public oversight" may produce leaks of secret information and could result in timidity on the party of the U.S. intelligence operatives, Turner acknowledged. But, he said, "we are striking a balance between the amount of leaks and timidity" and the need for methods that "support and defend the institutions and ideals of our country."

In his address, heard by about 2,000 persons, Turner observed that long-standing ties between the intelligence and academic communities had been "substantially frayed in recent years by public criticism of intelligence activities," and said he hoped those relations would be restored.

He urged students to "consider joining an intelligence organization," an occupation that would be "as challenging an academic and professional exercise as you'll find" — but this suggestion was greeted with a chorus of boos and laughter from a minority in the audience.

Turner, a Navy admiral and Rhodes scholar who was appointed by President Carter to head the CIA a year ago, appeared as the second in the UK Patterson School of diplomacy's series of John Sherman Cooper lectures.

Prior to his address, UK Dean of Students Joseph T. Burch advised demonstrators at the rear of the hall that they would not be allowed to hoist protest signs during the speech, or to interrupt the speaker.

"We're not going to let the speaker be disrupted," said Burch. He said the university "believes very deeply in free speech, and that includes Admiral Turner's right to free

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